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SUBJECT: UNHCR PROGRAM DIRECTOR VISITS PERU

REF: SANTIAGO 3802

1. SUMMARY. GILBERT JAEGER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR UN HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES, CALLED ON ME JULY 2. HE DESCRIBED PERUVIAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS CHILEAN REFUGEES NOTING PERUVIANS WERE NOT TURNING BACK ANY OF THEM BUT VIEWING MAJORITY AS BEING STRICTLY IN TRANSIT AND ENCOURAGING UNHCR TO SETTLE CHILEANS ELSEWHERE.

2. WITH EXCEPTION OF CHILEANS WHO TOOK REFUGE IN PERUVIAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO AND HAVE BEEN GRANTED ASYLUM IN PERU, JAEGER SAID THAT GOP REFUSED GIVE REST MORE THAN "POLITICAL PROTECTION". HE SAID THAT OVER 3,000 CHILEAN REFUGEES ARE IN PERU, OF WHICH ONLY A THIRD ARE IDENTIFIED. THE REST ARE HERE "ANONYMOUSLY." HE NOTED THAT ABOUT 1,600 CHILEANS HAD REGISTERED AT CEAS (ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL ASSISTANCE) OF WHOM 677 HAD LEFT PERU AND ANOTHER 178 WERE EXPECTED TO LEAVE SOON.

3. AMONG REGISTERED AND NON-REGISTERED CHILEANS COMING TO PERU.

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JAEGER ESTIMATED THAT 400 HAD GONE TO CUBA, 200 TO ROMANIA, 130

TO GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, 100 TO AUSTRALIA AND SMALLER
NUMBERS TO CANADA, UK AND OTHER WESTERN NATIONS.

4. JAEGER REGRETTED THAT PERUVIANS WERE REFUSING TO ALLOW
CHILEANS TO SETTLE IN PERU AND DOING LITTLE TO HELP REFUGEES
FINANCIALLY BUT ADMITTED THAT, AT LEAST, PERUVIANS WERE NOT
TURNING BACK CHILEANS AT BORDER. RATHER, GOP IS PRESSING FOR
EARLY RESETTLEMENT OF CHILEAN REFUGEES OUTSIDE PERU.
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